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ATTACHMENT #2**

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**DRAFT AGENDA  
January 23-24, 2012  
Room 102, State Capitol**

*January 23*

- 9:00 Call to order, roll call, approval of November written minutes - Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chair**
- 9:05 Introduction of new State Librarian, Jennie Stapp**
- 9:10 Local emergency service fees:**
- Overview; legal basis; jurisdictions that have implemented fee system- Helen Thigpen, LSD staff attorney
  - Public comment
- 9:30 Volunteer firefighters and Workers Compensation: update from Economic Affairs meeting - Leanne Kurtz**
- 9:45 Family transfer subdivision exemption**
- Overview of statutes, legislative history, local evasion criteria - Leanne Kurtz, ELG staff
  - Panel discussion: How is the exemption used by various counties? Is the law sufficient? Are changes warranted?
    - ▶ Tara DePuy, attorney representing Montana Association of Counties
    - ▶ Joint Powers Insurance Authority
    - ▶ Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli Co. Clerk and Recorder
    - ▶ Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors
  - Public comment
- 11:00 Public safety communications system: Interoperability history, Executive Order 13-2011; current program overview; policy development, expected local government investment and involvement; future of the program, anticipated legislative involvement; MSPOA comment**
- Warren Dupuis, Chief of Staff, State Information Technology Services Division and Statewide Interoperability Coordinator
  - Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association comment
  - Public comment

- 12:00      **Lunch**
- 1:00      **HB 142 compliance: Fire Services Training School Advisory Council (20-31-103, MCA)** - Douglas Steele, Director, MSU Extension; Gar Wood, Member, Advisory Council
- 1:30      **Montana University System/Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education monitoring**
- Tuition policy: increases; Affordability Task Force - Commissioner Sheila Stearns, OCHE
  - Statewide listening sessions - Commissioner Stearns
  - Commissioner of Higher Education: Commissioner Stearns retirement; timeline, process for succession - Commissioner Stearns; Clayton Christian, Commissioner-designee
  - Shared Policy Goals and Accountability Measures: review development; progress; updates - Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division; Tyler Trevor, OCHE
- 3:30      **OCHE Two-year Education Initiative**
- 2-year initiative - John Cech, Deputy Commissioner for Two-Year and Community College Education
  - December 2011 College!Now Rebranding Summit: report; outcomes
  - 2-year programs tailoring to workforce demands
- 4:45      **Reports from members attending Board of Regents meeting**
- 5:00      **Public comment on any matter within ELG jurisdiction**
- 5:15      **Recess**
- January 24*
- 8:00      **K-12 Data Systems**
- GEMS demonstration - OPI
  - Tracking student achievement and measuring student growth - Dan Whyte, LSD Staff Attorney
- 9:00      **SJR 28 study of outcome-based and performance-based K-12 education systems**
- Comment on study focus adopted in November
    - Darrell Rud, Montana Association of School Superintendents
    - Marco Ferro, MEA/MFT
    - Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
  - Committee discussion, directions to staff

- 9:30        **K-12 Teacher training, recruitment, retention**
- Conversation with the Deans on K-12 teacher education:
    - Larry Baker, Dean, Montana State University College of Education, Health & Human Development
    - Roberta "Bobbie" Evans, Dean, University of Montana College of Education and Human Sciences
  - Recruitment problems in districts (provisional licensure)
  - Retention problems
- 10:45        **Cost estimates to implement common core standards** - Kris Wilkinson and Rob Miller, Fiscal Analysts, Legislative Fiscal Division
- 11:00        **MQEC complaint update:** Review complaint; state response; timeline - Dan Whyte
- 11:15        **Administrative Rule Review** - Dan Whyte
- 11:30        **Report from members attending Board of Public Education meeting**
- 11:40        **Public comment on any matter within ELG jurisdiction**
- 12:00        **Review March meeting, instructions to staff**
- 12:15        **Adjourn**